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Dear Ms. Torres,

Please support the recommendations from the National Organic Standards Board
Livestock Committee from February 1, regarding pasture requirements.

Pasture is good for the health and welfare of cows and other ruminants, and it
absolutely should not be dropped as a requirement from the organic standards. In
fact, this requirement should be more enforced by the USDA. As a consumer of dairy
products who feels strongly that the animals used in production must be treated
humanely, I urge you not to cheapen the meaning of the word "organic" in the context
of dairy products.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Laura Cromwell

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